GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4319
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MISUSE OF FOODGRAINS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the misuse of the foodgrains released by the Union Government under various schemes to the Government of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the concerned;

(c) whether the Government intends to set up a special monitoring cell to look into such instances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINSTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a & b): Yes, Sir. The State Government has informed that about 17,000 tonnes of illegally stocked FCI rice was seized. FIRs were registered under Sections 406, 409 & 420 of IPC against the owners of the godowns and the investigation was handed over to Corps of Detectives (COD), which is a wing of the State Police. In all 29 people have been arrested in this connection.

(c & d): No Sir. Whenever such instances come to notice through the normal monitoring system or otherwise, the matter is got investigated and necessary action is taken by the State Government concerned.